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TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 27

1. SUMMARY. FOURTH WEEK OF ROUND IV INCLUDED TWO WORKING GROUP MEETINGS AND ONE RESTRICTED MEETING. WORKING GROUP MEETINGS WERE DEVOTED TO SOVIET INQUIRIES ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL (MOSCOW 13942) AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE (MOSCOW 14001). HEADS OF BOTH DELEGATIONS HAVE RETURNED TO MOSCOW. RESTRICTED MEETING COVERED NEW PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF TWO NEW WORKING GROUPS. SOVIET SIDE IS TO COMMENT ON ENTIRE DRAFT TEXT OCTOBER 6. NEW WORKING GROUP ONE WILL WORK ON JOINT TREATY TEXT. NEW WORKING GROUP TWO WILL WORK ON JOINT TEXT OF PROTOCOL(S). SOVIETS PREFER TO COMBINE THE TWO PRESENT PROTOCOLS INTO ONE. END SUMMARY.

2. OLD WORKING GROUP I ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE MET SEPTEMBER 30. SOVIETS PROPOSED REVISED DEFINITIONS OF SEVERAL TERMS AND SUGGESTED CHANGES IN TIMING OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE. SOVIETS ALSO PROPOSED THAT INFORMATION BE EXCHANGED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE INSTEAD OF 90 DAYS BEFORE START OF DRILLING. SOVIETS INDICATED CONTINUED DISSATISFACTION WITH TERM "EVENT" AND PROPOSED REVISION TO OTHER DEFINITIONS TO AVOID USE OF THIS WORD.

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3. OLD WORKING GROUP TWO ON OBSERVER FUNCTIONS MET OCTOBER 1. SOVIET SIDE SAID THEY HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO PROTOCOL I, ARTICLE VI PARAS B(2), (C), (E) AND (H) AND ARTICLE VII PARA 3. MAIN COMMENTS WERE ABOUT:

(A) OBSERVERS' PRESENCE FOR DRILLING; PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI PARA (B)(3);

(B) WHAT IS MEANT BY "TELECOMMUNICATIONS" PROVISION IN PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI PARA 1;

(C) CHANGING PHRASE "HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS" TO "SHALL MOVE ALONG AGREED UPON ROUTES" IN PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VII PARA 2;

(D) REPLACING "SHALL NOT EXCEED 20" WITH "IS COORDINATED BY THE PARTIES FOR EACH PROJECT BUT SHALL NEVER EXCEED N", PROTOCOL I ARTICLE X.

4. AT RESTRICTED MEETING OCTOBER 3, MOROKHOV PROPOSED RESTRICTED MEETING FOR OCTOBER 6 AT WHICH SOVIETS WILL PRESENT DETAILED ANALYSIS OF DRAFT TREATY AND LESS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PROTOCOLS. TWO NEW WORKING GTOUPS WERE ORGANIZED; THE FIRST TO DEVELOP JOINT TREATY TEXT AND SECOND TO WORK ON JOINT TEXT OF PROTOCOL(S). TIMBERBAEV AND BUCHHEIM ARE CO-CHAIRMEN OF FIRST GROUP; SAFRONOV AND BAKER CO-CHAIRMEN OF SECOND GROUP. GROUPS' OBJECTIVES ARE TO PRODUCE TEXT JOINTLY AGREED UPON TO THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, AD REFERENDUM TO DELEGATIONS, AND SET FORTH ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE ON POINTS NOT AGREED. SOVIETS NOW PREFER SINGLE PROTOCOL INSTEAD OF TWO.

5. SOVIET SIDE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT A MAJOR PROBLEM IS US PROVISION THAT VERIFYING SIDE SHOULD SUPPLY EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD VERIFICATION IN GROUPS (MOSCOW 14115 PARA 17) ALTHOUGH IN WORKING GROUP THEY HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION OF EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN FOR THIS PURPOSE (MOSCOW 14001 PARA 18).

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